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have characterized England's iron rule in Ireland. Yet Irish-Americans are asked to vote for the introduction of British free-trade in the United States.

A FUSTY WEATHER MAN.

General Greely, Chief of the Signal Service Bureau, is talking too much and to little purpose. His appointment to his present position was generally approved as a deserved recognition of his gallantry, and a reward for his sufferings in the arctic exploring expedition. Besides, it was supposed that he possessed the requisite executive ability and other qualifications for the office. He has not yet justified this opinion. The signal service, instead of being improved, has deteriorated. This is doubtless due, in part, to sympathy with the general deterioration of the civil service under the present administration, but there is reason to believe it is partly due to General Greely's lack of fitness for the position of chief. He is fussy and meddlesome in his methods, and seems to lack executive ability. He has come pretty near making himself ridiculous by talking about the weather, and attempting to make predictions which no scientist or meteorologist would think of making. Early last spring he entered in competition for a prize offered by a Detroit paper to the person who would name the three hottest days of the summer. Only cranks pretend to foretell the weather months in advance. General Greely attempted to do this naming three days in July which happened to be exceptionally cool. Now, he has been talking again. He is reported as saying that the published statements regarding a coming excessively hot wave within a few days are wide of the mark. There will be no protracted heated spell during the month of July, he says, for the reason that the existing conditions are such that they cannot generate a hot wave. The late cold weather was directly traceable to the storms that have recently passed over the country from northwest to southeast, and drawn the cold air from Manitoba and scattered it over the eastern portion of the United States. Heated terms are caused, according to General Greely, by the earth throwing off the heat of the sun's rays accumulating during a long dry spell. He says the recent severe rain storm throughout the country, during which in some places three inches of rain fell in less than twenty-four hours, has so moistened the earth that it is impossible for it to become heated sufficiently to cause a spell of excessively hot weather, such as was experienced in 1857 and other years. The storms of wind accompanying the rain have so cooled the atmosphere and scattered the cold of the Northwest over the States that it is almost impossible that an unusual heat should occur at present. Continued warm breezes from the south are a great aid in bringing on hot weather, and there have been none of these. Taking all things into consideration, the heavy rains and the northern breezes, General Greely says he feels absolutely safe in predicting that there will be no excessive heat during the month of July. There may be very warm days occasionally, but no protracted hot wave.

AS TO VACATIONS.

Although "going away for the summer" has long been fashionable and summer vacations have become customary among nearly all classes of people, a great many persons yet remain who do not leave their homes or business from year's end to year's end. These stay-at-homes are not always such from inclination; usually they would prefer to indulge in the annual outing with their neighbors, but necessity, or fancied necessity, which is the same in effect, chains them to the daily round of duties. To all appearances, they suffer neither in health nor strength by this lack of rest and recreation, and are apt to plume themselves upon their physical stamina. In the course of time, however, the monotony of their lives tells in a loss of spirits, a breaking down of nervous force, and rest, often prolonged and sometimes useless because too late, must be taken regardless of convenience. Whether it is better to wait until such breakdown occurs, or to ward it off by proper care of soul and body, are questions to which there can be but one answer. And it is the mind rather than the body which, in most cases, needs the greater attention. People, however confining their occupations, are not to overlook themselves physically; summer vacations are not so much needed to give rest to tired muscles as to the tired brain; change of scene or occupation is required to give a new turn to thoughts that have been too much in one groove. More farmers' wives are found in insane asylums than any other class; and the deadly monotony of their lives does more to drive them demented than the cooking, the milking, the churning, and other household labors, arduous though these be. Variety of interests is what the human being needs to keep him in wholesome mental, moral and physical condition. Like the elks, which the natives of southern countries take at noonday, midsummer requires the fitting time for a rest from regular pursuits. If the month's vacation is not possible, however, and even a week is not to be thought of, the "day off," or even the half day is not to be despised, and should be insisted upon. In fact, if taken often throughout the year, the day's outing is probably of greater hygienic value than the longer period. The first and last requisite to making the day profitable is to spend it at the taste inclines—always supposing that it doesn't incline to break the commandments, and that it leads to something entirely outside the usual routine. Go fishing, if you like that. Go and see a game of base-ball—this advice may seem superfluous, but strange as it may appear, men and women do exist who have never seen the national game in all its glory, and need urging before they will go. Go to the woods, far from the mad crowd, if your fancy leads, and study the beauties of nature; if you are gregarious, call on your neglected neighbors, or visit the town miles away that you have always heard of but have never seen. Don't visit your cousins in town or out; they don't want to see you in warm weather. Stay at home and get acquainted with the baby; or if you happen to be the baby's mother, leave the infant to its paternal ancestor and fate for the day. If nothing better offers stay at home and sleep. You might do worse. Give yourself, in short, a change of occupation—something new to think of, once a week or so, by getting out of the rut, and so far as your enjoyment and welfare are concerned it will not matter greatly whether or not you join in the yearly pilgrimage to the seashore, the mountains or Maxinkuckee.

MINOR MENTION.

PENDING consideration by the House of the bill to appropriate \$300,000 to aid State homes for disabled soldiers, Mr. Kilgore, of Texas, moved to amend by reducing the appropriation to \$100,000. He said it was the duty of the municipal subdivisions of the government to take care of their own paupers. This remark was hotly resented by General Spauld, of New York, a veteran nearly seventy years old and crippled with rheumatism. He couldn't stand it to hear the old soldiers called "paupers," and he handed the Texas member without remorse.

The popularity of the "Shades of Death," one of Indiana's beautiful summer resorts, would, undoubtedly be greatly enhanced by a change of name. A man naturally hesitates before saying that he has sent his family to the Shades of Death, and does not find it altogether agreeable to be congratulated on his own safe return from there. It is a call over otherwise fascinating society notes to read of distinguished citizens who have gone down to the Shades of Death. To be sure, they are heard of the next week as coming back, but the emotions which arise over their return are of the sympathetic sort that go out to those who have been to the shades of death, and have nothing in common with the proper attitude to be observed toward those who have been to the shades of death.

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We earnestly commend the association and its work to the confidence and support of the citizens of Indianapolis. Not primarily, as a religious institution, for it is not that; but as a wise, helpful, practical, valuable adjunct of modern civilization for the protection and preservation of young men, in whom the whole community is vitally interested, particularly the business men and employers. The safety of the future depends upon the character of the young men.

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